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SUMMARY: NARCOTICS COORDINATOR HOSTED LUNCH NOV 11 FOR COCA ENTERPRISE (ENACO) ADMINISTRATOR ALEJANDRO COSTA AND GOP ATTORNEY GENERAL NELSON DIAZ POMAR TO DISCUSS CURRENT NARCOTICS SITUATION IN PERU AND REVIEW USG POLICY IN LIGHT OF MIAMI NARCOTICS CONFERENCE. TOPICS INCLUDED UNAUTHORIZED COCA ACREAGE AND PLANS TO CURTAIL IT, ENACO REFORM EFFORTS, NEW NARCOTICS LAW AND ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS. EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT TIME MAY BE AT HAND FOR INCREASED US EFFORT IN THIS AREA IN PERU. END SUMMARY.

1. COCA ACREAGE - COSTA SAID RECENT ENACO SURVEY OF COCA GROWING IN TINGO MARIA AREA CONFIRMS THAT ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF ACREAGE IS UNAUTHORIZED AND THAT MOST OF THIS HAS BEEN PLANTED IN LAST 4 YEARS. SHARP INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR ILLICIT COCA HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR ENACO TO BUY SUFFICIENT COCA LEAVES FOR LEGAL DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKET; BUYERS IN ILLEGAL TRADE ARE OUTBIDDING ENACO DESPITE RECENT INCREASE IN OFFICIAL PURCHASE PRICE. COSTA TERMED TINGO MARIA STUDY SUCCESSFUL (HE WILL PROVIDE  
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EMBASSY COPY WHEN IN FINAL FORM) IN CONTRAST TO SIMILAR STUDY UNDER WAY IN AYACUCHO AREA, AGAIN USING PIP PERSONNEL, WHICH THUS FAR HAS PROVED DISAPPOINTING DUE TO GEOGRAPHIC AND CULTURAL ISOLATION OF REGION.

2. PROSPECTS FOR ENACO - COSTA, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN SURPRISINGLY FRANK ABOUT ENACO'S SHORTCOMINGS, CLAIMED THAT HIS EFFORTS TO

OVERHAUL THE ORGANIZATION HAVE THUS FAR HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS DUE TO LACK OF AUTHORITY TO FIRE INCOMPETENT OR CORRUPT PERSONNEL. NONETHELESS, HE IS TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER TEAM OF YOUNGER, HONEST TECHNICIANS TO HOLD KEY POSITIONS AND MOVE INFERIOR EMPLOYEES TO RELATIVELY HARMLESS POSITIONS. HE SUGGESTED EMBASSY MIGHT EXPLORE MEANS OF PROVIDING STUDY TOURS ABROAD FOR SOME OF NEW TEAM; HE LIKED IDEA OF POSSIBLY SENDING SOME TO BOLIVIA TO SEE PROGRESS OF CROP ERADICATION/SUBSTITUTION STUDIES THERE. COSTA DID NOTE THAT HE IS RECEIVING GENERALLY GOOD BACKING FROM HIS SUPERIORS IN HIS EFFORT TO ENFORCE BY DEC 1 EXISTING LAW PROHIBITING SALE OF COCA LEAVES IN COASTAL AREAS SUCH AS LIMA.

3. NEW NARCOTICS LAW - COSTA, WHO HAS BEEN CONSULTED FREQUENTLY BY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COAP) WORKING ON FINAL DRAFT OF NEW NARCOTICS LAW, SAID THAT HE HOPED LAW ENVISAGES MOVING FIRST AGAINST MAJOR UNAUTHORIZED COCA FARMS (10 HECTARES OR MORE) OVER NEXT TWO YEARS. HE WOULD RECOMMEND A MORE GRADUAL PUSH AGAINST SMALL GROWERS, COMBINING COCA ERADICATION WITH CROP/IN-COME SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM. TINGO MARIA STUDY INDICATED THAT UNAUTHORIZED GROWERS DO EXPECT THAT GOP EVENTUALLY WILL CRACK DOWN. BOTH COSTA AND DIAZ POMAR SAID THAT THEY CANNOT EXPLAIN LENGTHY DELAY IN PROMULGATING NEW NARCOTICS LAW EXCEPT THAT IT IS OPPOSED BY "SPECIAL INTERESTS." DIAZ POMAR COMMENTED THAT NEW LAW HAS ADVANTAGE OF BEING VERY SPECIFIC IN TERMS OF WHICH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO IMPLEMENT IT. COSTA SAID NEW LAW SHOULD ALSO PROMOTE COORDINATION OF ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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IT ESTABLISHES A NEW NARCOTICS AGENCY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE INTERIOR MINISTER (NOT THE HEALTH MINISTER AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED). BOTH RECOGNIZED THAT STRONG ENFORCEMENT MEASURES ARE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF ANY CROP REDUCTION/SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM AND IMPLIED THAT PROMULGATION OF NEW LAW MIGHT BE EXPEDITED BY SOME JUDICIOUS PRESSURE FROM EMBASSY.

6. OTHER NARCOTICS MATTERS - QUERIED ABOUT STATUS OF MALPARTIDA CASE (LIMA 8854), DIAZ POMAR WAS NOT VERY SANGUINE ABOUT SUCCESS OF HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE OSCAR MALPARTIDA, NOW FREE ON "PROVISIONAL LIBERTY," REARRESTED. DIAZ POMAR STATED FLATLY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE, WHOSE SON IS MARRIED TO THE YOUNGER MALPARTIDA'S SISTER, HAD INTERVENED ON HIS BEHALF AS HE HAD IN 1974 COCAINE SMUGGLING CASE AGAINST MALPARTIDAS. TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL EFFORTS IN NARCOTICS CASES, DIAZ POMAR SUGGESTED THAT SELECTED JUDGES AND GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS BE INCLUDED IN TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BY DEA (AN IDEA PERHAPS WORTH PURSUING). BOTH COSTA AND DIAZ POMAR INDICATED INTEREST IN VISIT OF S/NM NARCOTICS EXPERT TO EXPLORE VARIOUS FORMS OF ADDITIONAL US/GOP COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS FIELD (REFTEL).

8. CONCLUSIONS - EMBASSY FEELS THAT COINCIDENCE OF FACTORS HERE,

INCLUDING GROWING OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRADE AND RECOGNITION THAT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO CONTROL, OFFERS U.S. OPPORTUNITY AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT GOP EFFORTS TO CURB ILLEGAL GROWING AND TRAFFIC OF COCAINE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, OF COURSE, WHETHER THIS WILL PROSPER IN FACE OF STRONG ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES AND EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO TRAFFICKERS; MUCH WILL DEPEND ON POLITICAL WILL OF GOP. NONETHELESS, AS THE DEMAND FOR ILLICIT COCA GROWS, ELECTIONS APPROACH, AND POLITICAL PARTIES RENEW THEIR ACTIVITIES (AND BECOME SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL AND ELECTORAL PRESSURES), THE TASK MAY PROVE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT IN THE FUTURE THAN IT IS NOW. AMBASSADOR IS SEEKING CALL ON INTERIOR MINISTER THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS AT POLICY LEVEL CONTINUING U.S. INTEREST IN NARCOTICS  
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